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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Submitted herewith is a application for United States patent consisting of 1 page Fee Transmittal form PTO/SB/17 to cover filing fee, 23 pages of specification and claims, and 6 sheets of drawings.

- ☐ (37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c)) Small Entity status applies.
☐ (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)) PTO form PTO/SB/35 re: Publication enclosed
☒ (37 CFR 1.84(J)) – Applicant requests FIG. 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.
☐ PCT application being filed concurrently

This application claims the priority to Japanese Application Number 2002-319160 filed on October 31, 2002, Japanese Application Number 2002-319161 filed on October 31, 2002, Japanese Application Number 2002-319162 filed on October 31, 2002, Japanese Application Number 2002-319163 filed on October 31, 2002, Japanese Application Number 2003-025254 filed on January 31, 2003, Japanese Application Number 2003-025255 filed on January 31, 2003, Japanese Application Number 2003-025256 filed on January 31, 2003, Japanese Application

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The invention was not made by an agency of the United States Government nor under a contract with an agency of the United States Government.

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| 1002 | 340 | 2002 | 170 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| | Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| Total Claims | 14 | -20** = 0 | X 18 | = 0 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | -3** = 1 | X 86 | = 86 |
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| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
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| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 | 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

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